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Dear Sir:

In advance of the first examination in this case, Applicants request amendment of the subject application, as follows (a marked up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 31, lines 3-9, with the following:

The CPU 1100 is communicatively coupled to a graphics processing unit (GPU) 1110 via a dedicated bus 1115. The GPU 1110 is a drawing processor that is configured to perform drawing processes and formulate images in accordance with instructions received from the CPU 1100. For example, the GPU 1110 may render a graphics image based on display lists that are generated by and received from the CPU 1100. The GPU may include a buffer for storing graphics data. The GPU 1110 outputs images to an audio-visual output device.